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TRANSMITTAL LETTER and PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are: [X] a Response; [X] a Notice of Appeal; [X] a check (no. 4978) in the amount of \$640 in payment of the fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b); and [X] a return-receipt postcard, for filing in the above-captioned patent application.

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- [x] A fee for additional claims is not required.
- [] A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE		FEES DUE	•
TOTAL CLAIMS			<u>00</u>	× \$9	=	0.00	
INDEPENDENT			<u>0</u>	× \$43	=	0.00	
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM +\$145						0.00	
TOTAL FEES DUE						0.00	

PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

[X]	Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the
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	[] \$210.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);
	[X] \$475.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);
	[] \$740.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);
	[] \$1,005.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).

- A check including the amount of [] \$55.00 [] \$210.00 [x] \$475.00 [] \$740.00 [] \$1005.00 in payment [X] of the extension fee is transmitted herewith. {check no. 4978}
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is submitted herewith.

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